

REMARKS

I. Introduction.

Claims 1-4 remain pending in the above-identified application, with claims 1-3 having been amended hereby in response to the Office Action of March 29, 2005. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

II. Objections to the Specification.

The Examiner has made a number of objections to the Specification of the above-identified patent application.

The title of the invention stands objected to as not being descriptive of the invention. The Examiner has required a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. In this Response the Applicant has amended the title accordingly.

The specification stands objected to because it includes awkward language. The Examiner has been kind enough to point out that similar language in the abstract is indicative of such awkwardness. In this Response the Applicant has amended paragraphs [0009], [0036] and [0039] in the specification accordingly.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it includes awkward language. The Examiner has been kind enough to point out such language. In this Response the Applicant has amended the abstract accordingly.

Accordingly, all of the Examiner objections to the Specification having been addressed, the Applicant respectfully requests that such objections be withdrawn.

III. Objections to the Drawings.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), to wit, that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The Examiner has specifically stated that the sleeve and the spacer (inner wall) being separate and distinct structural elements as established in claim 1 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claims.

To begin with, the Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention that each of the elements of the sleeve and spacer (inner wall) are shown in Figure 1. In said drawing, the sleeve is shown by the reference numeral 1, while the spacer (inner wall) is shown by the reference numeral 31.

Further, the Applicant takes note that the Examiner appears to understand that the "spacer" and "inner wall" are one and the same element as each of these nomenclatures are used interchangeably throughout the specification to refer to the element shown in the drawings by reference numeral 31. Clarification and support for such interchangeable identification is contained in paragraph [0036] of the specification.

Lastly, it is as the Examiner surmises that the sleeve and spacer (inner wall) are formed from one contiguous element. Although each part of the contiguous element is shown in the drawings, in keeping with the Examiner's requirement that the disclosure be amended to clarify this fact, Applicant has amended paragraph [0036]. While Applicant contends that such contiguous construction was already taught from paragraph [0036] in the un-amended form, further support for such clarifying amendment may be found in paragraph [0040] (i.e., wherein spacer 31 is taught as to be a part of sleeve 3) and in Figure 1. Thus no new matter has been added.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

IV. Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has been kind enough to point out language in claim 1 which he feels is awkward and confusing and to provide suggestions as to replacement language.

In this Response the Applicant has made amendments accordingly to claims 1-4 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. As such, Applicant believes that such amendments remedy any deficiency with respect to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and that therefore the claims are now allowable.

V. Allowable Material.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for point out that claims 1-4 contain allowable material. Per above, the claims have been rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections.

VI. Conclusion.

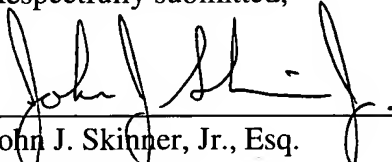
In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, and therefore an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 in payment of the one-month extension fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) is hereby transmitted herewith. Nonetheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this Response to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 057517-0056. In the event that any further extension of time is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for such extension of time required to make this response timely.

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